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SUBJECT:

MARINE TRAINING IN FRANCE

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: QUAI OFFICIAL SUGGESTS THAT WE PERMIT ONLY INFREQUENTLY FRENCH PRESS COVERAGE OF SIXTH FLEET ACTIVITIES. SAME OFFICIAL SUGGESTS REWORDING OF PRESS STATEMENT USED WITH CBS FOR FUTURE USE. WE BELIEVE OFFICIAL'S VIEWS MERIT OUR CLOSE ATTENTION. END SUMMARY.

2. IN COURSE OF RECENT DISCUSSION WITH US CONCERNING PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASPECTS OF MARINE TRAINING IN FRANCE, SCHRICKE (QUAI CHIEF OF PACTS AND DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS) REFERRED TO RECENT 30-MINUTE FRENCH TV DOCUMENTARY ON SIXTH FLEET AND MARINE TRAINING (REF A PARA 5). IN LIGHT OF EFFECT OF THAT TV PROGRAM IN FOCUSING HOSTILE FRENCH ATTENTION ON U.S. MARINE TRAINING AT CAMP  
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CANJUERS, SCHRICKE SUGGESTED THAT WE ONLY APPROVE

REQUESTS FOR SUCH FRENCH NEWS COVERAGE INFREQUENTLY AND, WHEN WE DO PERMIT SUCH PRESS COVERAGE OF SIXTH FLEET ACTIVITIES, THAT WE MAKE THE MINIMUM POSSIBLE COMMENTARY.

3. ON SEPARATE OCCASION, AFTER PASSING TEXT OF PARA 2 REF B TO QUAI (AS REPORTED REC C) SCHRICKE SUGGESTED SEVERAL MINOR MODIFICATIONS IN THAT TEXT TO RENDER IT MORE "ROUTINE AND LOW KEY" AND TO REMOVE SOME OF THE LANGUAGE THAT MIGHT CREATE PROBLEMS FOR GOF IN DEFENDING ITS AGREEMENT TO PERMIT MARINE TRAINING AT CAMP CANJUERS. TEXT OF QUAI RE-DRAFT FOLLOWS:

4. "THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN RECENT YEARS HAS MADE TRAINING FACILITIES AT CAMP DE CANJUERS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL GROUPS OF MARINES. IT IS ONE OF THE FEW PLACES AVAILABLE TO THE SIXTH FLEET WHERE TRAINING CAN TAKE PLACE. THE MARINES FIRE CREW-SERVED WEAPONS AND HOLD ROUTINE EXERCISES (BIVOUAC, COMPASS TRAINING, ETC.). THE TRAINING DOES NOT INVOLVE TANKS. THE CAMP IS INLAND AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING. THE CURRENT TRAINING PERIOD IS JANUARY 11 TO 19. IT DOES NOT INVOLVE MORE THAN 200 MEN. SIMILAR TRAINING FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO OTHER ALLIED COUNTRIES."

5. COMMENT: WITH REGARD TO PARA 2 ABOVE, SCHRICKE'S INITIATIVE WITH US WAS NOT REPEAT NOT DESIGNED TO CRITICIZE EITHER THE DECISION BY THE U.S. TO PERMIT THE FRENCH TV CREW TO PREPARE THE JANUARY 9 DOCUMENTARY, OR THE PARTICIPATION OF U.S. PERSONNEL DURING THAT SHOW. RATHER, HIS INTERVENTION WAS DESIGNED TO UNDERLINE QUAI PREFERENCE FOR AS LOW A U.S. MILITARY PROFILE IN FRENCH PUBLIC MEDIA AS POSSIBLE WITH REGARD TO TRAINING ACTIVITIES. WE INTERPRET SCHRICKE'S REMARKS TO SUGGEST THAT QUAI IS TRYING TO INSURE MAXIMUM COOPERATION WITH US ON TRAINING MATTERS BY SEEKING TO KEEP MEDIA-INSPIRED CRITICISM OF THIS FRENCH COOPERATION TO A MINIMUM. WITH REGARD TO PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE, WE PASS ALONG SCHRICKE'S COMMENTS SO THAT ADDRESSEES WILL HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE TYPE OF PRESS COMMENT THE QUAI WOULD PREFER TO SEE

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USED BY USG OFFICIALS. TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN SKEW FUTURE PRESS STATEMENTS IN THE DIRECTION SUGGESTED BY SCHRICKE, IT WOULD PROBABLY HELP THE GOF TO MANAGE THE PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS OF U.S. TRAINING ON FRENCH TERRITORY.  
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